

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF GREGORY BOY-
INGTON A FIRST LIEUTENANT IN THE MARINE CORPS

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Mr. WALSH, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1427]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1427) to authorize the appointment of Gregory Boyington a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the bill is to authorize the President to appoint Gregory Boyington a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps and to give him the same rank and precedence as he held under a former commission in the Marine Corps.

Gregory Boyington was born December 4, 1912, and holds a degree of bachelor of science in aeronautical engineering from the University of Washington. On January 9, 1936, he was appointed an aviation cadet in the Marine Corps Reserve and, after completing a course of instruction, he was designated a naval aviator and appointed a second lieutenant in the Regular Marine Corps on July 1, 1937. He was appointed a first lieutenant on October 21, 1940, and he served in various aviation units and activities until August 27, 1941, when he resigned his commission to join the American Volunteer Group (Flying Tigers).

While serving with the American Volunteer Group, Boyington acted as a squadron commander and acquired valuable flying experience under combat conditions.

On September 29, 1942, Boyington accepted a commission as a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve and was ordered to active duty on October 10, 1942. He has continued on active duty and has been given a temporary promotion to major.

The bill would restore to Major Boyington the rank and precedence he held previous to his resigning to join the American Volunteer Group.

The bill was introduced at the request of the Navy Department and has been cleared by the Bureau of the Budget.

